

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Planning Retreat

Tuesday, September 18, 2001

Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Jim Harbaugh, Joyce Proudlock, Bob Seidensticker, Yasmin Smith

Members Excused: Scott Strawn (awaiting Executive appointment), Keith Williams

Staff Attending: Jackie MacLean, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit

Guest Attending Sharon Toquinto, AOD Prevention Division, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health

The Planning Retreat of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle. Dinner was served at 4:30pm. While eating dinner, Chairman Jim Harbaugh called the meeting to order.

I. Prevention Program Update

A. AOD RFP Results

Copies of Updated Summary Report of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) RFP Results were distributed. The funding for this RFP is from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

At the outset, Sharon Toquinto, Manager of Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Prevention Program, thanked the board, particularly Joan, Nancy and Joyce, for their assistance in rating the RFP applications. She shared an updated summary report of the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Program Request for Proposal's results. Stonewall Recovery Center was omitted in the list of selected agencies published in the August issue of "Board Update."

The AOD Prevention Program conducted two Bidders Conference to assist all bidders in developing their RFP, plus provided a two-day training on Best Practices, evaluation, and developing and using the logic model for proposed programming in potential responses to the RFP. This training was provided by West CAPT, which is funded by CSAP. DASA is moving the prevention programming toward science-based practices and has a requirement this biennium of a minimum of 50% Best Practices statewide.

Sharon spoke about the process of selecting proposals. The proposals recommended for funding were selected because of their exceptional responsiveness to the RFP including inclusiveness of prevention research/evaluation (including Best Practices and Promising

approaches), adequacy of staffing plan, and collaboration. Other considerations included geographic distribution and cultural diversity.

The AOD Prevention Program awarded funds to a total of 13 out of 25 organizations in Category I and one organization in Category II. There were 13 proposals funded totaling \$904,800 and one proposal funded totaling \$130,000.

B. Biennial Plan 2001-2003 Process

The State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) for the first time required a collaborative Needs Assessment for Biennial Plan for 2001-2003. They found processing data information to be more challenging than expected.

The AOD Prevention Program has contracted with an evaluator (Organizational Research Services) to work with the prevention providers this biennium to assist them in evaluating their programs as required by contract, and to ensure the value of evaluation continues to be developed in our county. The evaluator will attend each monthly provider meeting as well as provide individual consultation and technical assistance to each provider agency.

C. Other Prevention Programs

The HIDTA grant was continued again this year and has been approved again for this coming federal fiscal year. The programming continues to link law enforcement with the community in prevention efforts using the model of training rental property owners to identify when drug dealing is occurring on their property and working with law enforcement to end the situation, but also how to structure the rental process so as to avoid the situation in the first place to protect the neighborhood. Prevention staff is also working with Juvenile Drug Court to develop a parenting component that supports parents, provides skill building, and bridges the gap between the Court and the parent through the Drug Court process that their child is involved in. A portion of the HIDTA funding will be used in this pilot project.

The PPW services and childcare services continued to be provided as they have the last several biennia. However the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) outreach funding was discontinued. Geoff explained that DASA was no longer in favor of this expenditure as DASA provides a considerable amount of funding to the University of Washington (UW) for FAS and believed this was repetitious.

The Public Health Director provided one-time funding to the program to bridge the prevention gap with local law enforcement around the issue of underage drinking and the KC Sheriff's Department Party Patrols. These are emphasis patrols during graduation and prom season due to the high level of underage drinking at these times. The emphasis patrols are in place to reduce fatalities; many youth overdose on alcohol

or are injured or killed while riding or driving while under the influence. AOD Prevention Division was able to provide educational parent brochures developed by a private nonprofit Parent Party Patrol, that law enforcement could provide to the parents of the cited youth subsequent to the citation.

Yasmin expressed her concern about lack of outreach programs among the youth that are in re-entry or suspended status in schools. Sharon responded that outreach is not prevention by definition. How do we deal with gap in services? This is an area the board would like to get involved in at the next Prevention RFP. Linda asked if discretionary funds from prevention could be used to fund these service gaps? Sharon responded that all CSAT funding are discretionary funds. The board will identify the gaps and would lobby for funding to fill in the service gaps.

The CSAP Family Strengthening grant #1 ends this month after two years, and grant #2 continues through September 02. Grant #1 focused on adapting the Promising Approach, Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families and Communities, for Hispanic/Latino families including translation of the materials. Grant #2 is the same except it is focusing on Asian/Asian Pacific Islander families and Native American families.

D. Other Issues

The board asked Sharon her view on the separation of AOD Prevention from Treatment. Sharon responded that overall the separation of the two has not affected the implementation of the services for the target population. The only setback is logistical. It's more ideal to have treatment and prevention sections under one roof.

The board expressed approbation for the way Sharon Toquinto has managed the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Division since its separation from the AOD Treatment section. The same was said about Greg Hewett's management of the Tobacco Prevention Division

II. ROLE OF BOARD

The Board reviewed their defined duties as a citizen's advisory board based on RCW 70.96A.300:

- Conduct public hearings and other investigations to determine the needs and priorities of county citizens;
- Prepare and recommend to the county legislative authority for approval, all plans, budgets, and applications by the county to the department and other state agencies on behalf of the county alcoholism and other drug addiction program;
- Monitor the implementation of the alcoholism and other drug addiction plan and evaluate the performance of the alcoholism and drug addictions program at least annually;

- Advise the county legislative authority and county alcoholism and other drug addiction program coordinator on matters relating to the alcoholism and other drug addiction program, including prevention and education;
- Nominate individuals to the county legislative authority for the position of county alcoholism and other drug addiction program coordinator.
- Carry out other duties that the department may prescribe by rule.

The monthly utilization report is also an effective tool in monitoring how well various programs are meeting the need for services in the context of the Biennial Plan.

The board will also schedule a time to review its By Laws.

There was also a discussion on system change process. It was noted that system planning is very important in putting together a good, solid plan to make the system change process less contentious.

The board does not endorse putting out RFPs until the personnel issue is addressed. The board's priority is see that the vacancies in the Division are filled before moving toward any significant system change. The open positions include the Division Manager, County Alcohol/Drug Program Coordinator, and Program Analysts.

III. SUGGESTED AGENDA

The following is the suggested agenda for the final planning retreat on Tuesday, September 25, 2001:

- CHAT Proviso
- Future Board Activities
- Legislative Items

It was also suggested to invite Patrick Vanzo to the regular board meeting on October 11, 2001 to talk about day reporting programs for a balanced presentation of NRF's future.

There being no further business, the retreat was adjourned 8:10 p.m.

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